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Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

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Sir:

The Applicant submits that the restriction and election requirement of the Office Action mailed 05/09/2005 is in error in that the figures of the species of Group II (FIG. 2); Group III (FIGS. 3 and 4), and Group IV (FIG. 18) are different views of the same embodiment of Group 1 (FIG. 1).

The Applicant submits that all of the claims of record (claims 1-11) read on FIGS. 19 and 20, identified as Group VII embodiment in the Office Action.

The Applicant requests withdrawal of the restriction and consideration of claims 1-11 as filed.

Very Respectfully,

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